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REMARKS

Claims 1-12 remain pending in the present application. This Submission under 37 CFR § 1.114 is responsive to the Office Action dated October 28, 2003 and the Examiner's Interview conducted on February 27, 2004.

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's cooperation in moving the present application forward. As discussed in the Interview, amended claim 1 clarifies the present claimed print job information as being directed to *paper size* or *paper type* – therefore distinguishing over the *image size* disclosures of Sobue. Nothing in the cited prior art teaches or suggests the present claimed invention using the paper information of the alternative table when the paper in the trays do not match the paper size/type specified in the print job information. As acknowledged in the Interview Summary, "claim 1 appears to distinguish over the prior art of record."

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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